

**REMARKS**

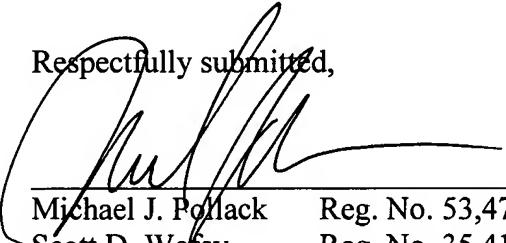
Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-22 will be pending in the present application.

By this paper, claims 12 and 17 have been amended to better place these claims in condition for examination. Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate a recitation now recited in new claim 22. More specifically, claim 22 recites that, "the contact element is arranged in the tube at a distance from the distal end thereof." Support for this amendment to the claims is found throughout the Specification and Drawings, as filed, for example at page 2, line 37-page 3, line 17; page 4, lines 1-20; and in claim 1, as filed.

No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments. Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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